

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In this regard the Examiner advised that it was his understanding that the drawing force generative means rotates.

In an example embodiment, the drawing force generative means includes pump cover 14, pump casing 16, and impeller 20. Thus, a part of the drawing force generative means moves, but the cover 14 and the casing 16 are fixed to housing 12. In view of the Examiner's objection, claim 24 has been revised to provide that the drawing force generative means is "provided at" one axial end of the housing. It is believed that this will address the Examiner's concerns.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 24 are solicited.

Claims 25-27 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Takemoto. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to advanced prosecution, claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 28 and intervening claim 26. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection has been mooted.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 and 13-23 are allowable and that claim 28 contains allowable subject matter. In view of the corrective amendment to claim 24, allowance of claim 24, along with claim 19, from which it depends, is solicited. Also, as noted above, claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of dependent claim 28 and intervening claim 26. Therefore, claim 25, and claim 27 which depends therefrom, should now be allowed.

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All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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